Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A shape information coding method of coding shape information for identifying a ~~location~~ first road section connected to a second road section at a starting-end point of the first road section on a first digital map and identifying the first road section on a second map which has a different error from the first digital map, comprising:

~~a step of~~ representing the first road section by a coordinate string which is a list of points on the first road section, ~~concerning a coordinate string including a plurality of nodes corresponding to the shape information, location information of a second node or a subsequent node thereto with a relative location to a starting-end location, using location information of the stating-end location or location information of another node~~; and

~~a step of~~ representing the starting-end point of the first road section by information which identifies a location where the starting-end point is located on the second road section ~~location information of the starting-end location with a relative location using another shape information~~.

Claims 2-23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (New) A transmitter for transmitting shape information to be identified on a digital map of a receiver, comprising:

a digital map which has a different error from the digital map of the receiver;

a coder which codes shape information for identifying first road section connected to a second road section at a starting-end point of the first road section on the digital map of the transmitter,

wherein the first road section is represented by a coordinate string which is a list of point on the first road section, and

wherein the starting-end point of the first road section is represented by information which identifies a location where the starting-end point is located on the second road section.

Claim 25 (New) A receiver comprising:

a first digital map;

a receiver for receiving shape information for identifying first road section connected to a second road section at a

starting-end point of the first road section on a second digital map which has a different error from the first digital map, the shape information being coded so that the first road section is represented by a coordinate string which is a list of point on the first road section, and the starting-end point of the first road section is represented by information which identifies a location where the starting-end point is located on the second road section;

identifying the second road section on the first digital map; and

identifying the first road section on the first digital map using the starting-end point located on the second road section.